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Istanbul celebrates Independence Day

MADABA, Aug. 14 (R) - President Mohammad Zia... celebrating independence day with parades and speeches.

Voyager II to take Saturn pics

INGTON, Aug. 14 (R) - Voyager II spacecraft... to take pictures of Saturn's rings.

African police for saboteurs

WINESBURG, Aug. 14 (R) - South African troops... to search for saboteurs in a forest.

Air controllers rate over to Americans

Aug. 14 (R) - Port air controllers will go tomorrow... to be taken over by Americans.

Iran vice-president, 4 others indicted for plot against government

SIERRA LEONE, Aug. 14 (R) - Liberia's former vice president... indicted for a plot against the government.

Department of Culture and Arts in cooperation with Embassy of the Socialist Republic of Romania Present Romanian Film Week

Madaba goes to polls today

By Mohammad Ayish Special to the Jordan Times MADABA, Aug. 14 - Over 5000 voters in this historic city will go to the polls Saturday to elect a new municipal council...

Beirut accepts Libyan offer to set up air defence network

BEIRUT, Aug. 14 (R) - Lebanon has decided in principle to install an air defence system offered by Libya, Prime Minister Shafiq Al Wazzan said today.

Prince Saud accuses Israel of posing greater threat than Soviets

BRASILIA, Aug. 14 (R) - Saudi Arabian Foreign Minister Prince Saud Al Faisal has accused Israel of expansionist policies which he called a greater threat to the Arab World than Soviet expansionism.

If anything happens to Qadhafi, Reagan will pay, Libyans warn

BEIRUT, Aug. 14 (R) - A Libyan group has warned of reprisals against President Reagan and U.S. interests if any harm comes to Libyan leader Muammar Qadhafi in a Washington inspired plot.

U.S. begins efforts to keep nuclear weapons away from Mideast

NEW YORK, Aug. 14 (R) - The United States has begun efforts to reach an agreement barring nuclear weapons from the Middle East, U.S. arms control chief Eugene Rostow was quoted today as saying.

Yamani expects unified oil price

BAHRAIN, Aug. 14 (R) - Saudi Arabia's Oil Minister Ahmed Zaki Yamani said today he expected OPEC, which meets in Geneva next Wednesday, would agree on a new unified oil price.

Arabs walk out of Nairobi meeting

NAIROBI, Aug. 14 (R) - Arab delegations walked out of a United Nations energy conference today when Israeli Minister Yitzhak Mordechai rose to speak.

Another 8 goes before Iranian firing squad

ANKARA, Aug. 14 (R) - Iranian authorities have announced a further eight executions of government opponents as part of a country-wide crackdown on dissent.

Opposition members go on hunger-strike in Morocco

RABAT, Aug. 14 (R) - Fourteen socialist opposition and trade union militants began a 72-hour hunger strike in a Marrakesh prison today demanding political prisoner status.

Shah sympathisers hijack Iranian navy missile boat

MADRID, Aug. 14 (R) - Iranian exiles sympathetic to the deposed monarchy of the late Shah claimed responsibility today for hijacking an Iranian navy missile boat off southern Spain.

State Department defends Reagan's decision to ban fighter planes to Israel

WASHINGTON, Aug. 14 (R) - The State Department has defended President Reagan's decision to suspend the delivery of two F-15 and ten F-16 fighter planes to Israel.

MIDDLE EAST NEWS BRIEFS

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# Overseeing voluntary work in Jordan

Suzanne Zur'mut-Black  
writes to the Jordan Times

THE GREAT efforts of the General Union of Voluntary Societies (GUVS) in Jordan, despite its eagerness, its resources and capability, to accommodate only 250 mentally handicapped children in the country, a figure approximately 2 to 3 per cent of the total population.

The executive council president of the GUVS expressed his cooperation at this time of the International Year of the Disabled, and his eagerness to take into care one single child. Dr. Abdullah Al-Khatib, president of the executive council expressed his cooperation at this time of the International Year of the Disabled, and his eagerness to take into care one single child. Dr. Abdullah Al-Khatib, president of the executive council expressed his cooperation at this time of the International Year of the Disabled, and his eagerness to take into care one single child.

of 15 members representing nine governorate unions in the East and West Banks of Jordan. The unions group 400 voluntary societies working in different social areas and comprise 52,000 volunteers altogether. The areas covered by the societies include the disabled, nurseries, kindergartens, schools, education, prisons, family planning and health. An estimated JD 5 million a year is invested in these developments.

The executive council members are elected in stages in what Dr. Khatib described as "one of the most democratic processes of election in the country." First of all, a council member has to be an elected member of the board of a voluntary society, and subsequently to have been elected as member of a governorate union. The boards of these unions then gather to elect the executive council, which in turn elects the president.

In setting up the new centres, the council decided first to cooperate directly with those societies that already had centres for the mentally handicapped, and which were capable and ready to accept the council's proposal to establish new centres or increase the capacity of the existing ones.

The Mental Health Society (MHS) was eventually chosen to deal with the new centres in the East Bank. It already had three centres in Amman, Wadi Seer and Baq'a and has since opened the new one in Zarqa with the cooperation of the council.

As planned, the Zarqa Special Education Centre accommodates 50 children, whom it had to choose out of 350 applicants. The MHS provides training for 275 out of a total of 450 children who attend special education centres all over the country.

Other organisations that run similar facilities include the Swedish Organisation which runs a centre in Suweileh, specialising in severe cases. A day-care kindergarten is managed by the Young Muslim Women's Association in Amman while another small one, also in Amman, is conducted by the Jordan National Association Society.

Independent of the union, the Ministry of Social Development runs two centres, one in Zarqa and one in Irbid. The University of Jordan also has its own day-care centre set up as a model to provide field training for students of the department of psychology.

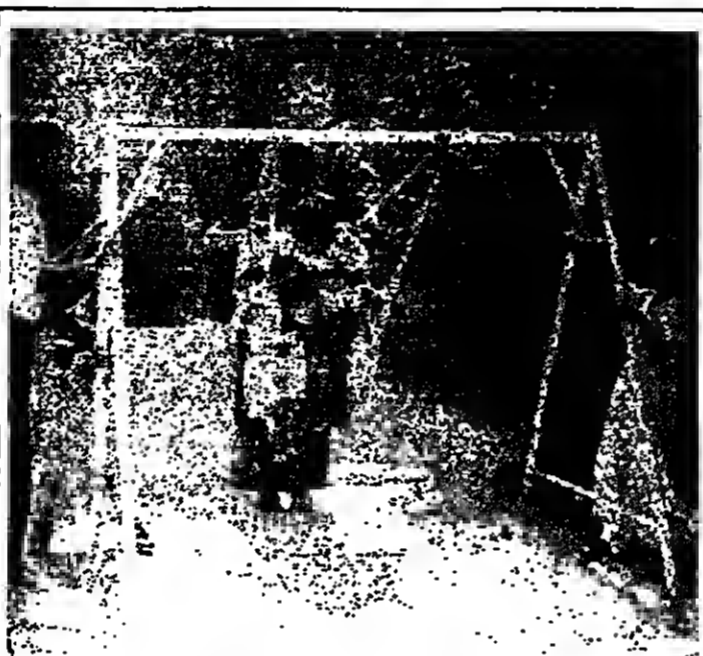
In its efforts to promote voluntary service in this field, the union's executive council goes as far as requesting governorate unions to organise and establish societies dealing with the disabled and then contributes money, training and equipment. The main source of income for the executive council is the National Lottery, augmented by local contributions and donations. "The setting up and running of a centre is a very costly operation," said Dr. Khatib. "The training is multi-sided and involves pediatrics, physiotherapy and psychiatry, as well as social and vocational rehabilitation."

The child is trained in such basic social acts as feeding himself using cutlery and the more advanced ones like relating to people around him for example. Special games and toys are used to guide the child into drawing and embroidery to teach him basic skills in reading and writing. The MHS, in accommodating 275 children, last year ran at a cost of JD 80,000, half of which was spent on salaries, the rest included expenses like rents, equipment and educational toys.

The thousands of children on the waiting lists of these centres can, by no means, be taken care of with the existing financial difficulties and the lack of trained personnel, not to mention various other obstacles. There is therefore an obvious vital need for a nation-wide concern and a genuine government interest.



A physiotherapist (left) and a physician (above) are regular visitors at the various centres in Jordan.



Just like other children, there is always a need for free play and recreation.



## GUVS chairman Equipped to tackle problems in welfare's various aspects

By Suzanne Zur'mut-Black  
Special to the Jordan Times

DR. ABDULLAH AL KHATIB, president of the executive council of the General Union of Voluntary Societies (GUVS), in Jordan and chairman of the board of the Mental Health Society (MHS) has been active in the field of welfare for the last twenty years.

Armed with a B.A. in sociology, an M.A. in guidance, another M.A. in management and a Ph.D. in management and public administration, and keen interest and enthusiasm, he has been well equipped to tackle the problems in the various aspects of welfare.

As early as 1962, he was UNRWA director of social welfare in Hebron. Between 1967 and 1972, Dr. Khatib was Director of the welfare department at the Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs.

Throughout he has been involved in working for charitable organisations: He has been MHS

president for the last five years, and for the last four operated as vice president and now as president of the GUVS executive council.

Dr. Khatib somehow manages all this on top of a demanding position at the Royal Scientific Society as director of planning and development. "It helps that my wife is involved in the field herself and so there is no problem in having to spend long hours away from home," he explained.

"Sometimes on our way out to visit friends at night, we may drop by the Wadi Seer Centre to check that everything is all right. It's just part of our life," said his wife. Dr. Jihad Nabulsi Al Khatib, an assistant professor in the department of psychology in the University of Jordan, who also is counsellor and secretary to the MHS board. Dr. Nabulsi has a Ph.D. in counselling. MHS finds unlimited value in her evaluation of the children who they are first admitted and of the progress they make, and her professional recommendations have considerable weight in affecting decision-making.



Dr. Abdullah Al Khatib



Children are taught to recognise shapes and colours to develop their sensory skills in dealing with the physical world around them (left), table manners and independent self-feeding (right) and everyday housework (centre).





DNLDA's library section is open for anyone to come and browse



The department's storage facilities are bursting at the seams (Staff photos by Harout Balikian)

# War in Jordan's life: facts and photos

**DR'S NOTE:** This is the first of a two-part article.

by Meg Abu Hamdan  
Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN — The Department of National Libraries, Documents and Archives (DNLDA) recently extended its mandate to include the collection of photographs — both old and new — of Jordan. "Photography has a very significant meaning," Dr. Ahmad al-Sharkas, director general of the department, told the Jordan Times "because they reflect

national history, the cultural background of the nation and the state of agriculture over the years, as well as having archaeological value."

The photo collection housed at the department now numbers in the thousands, with some of the prints showing East Bank Jordan, Palestine and their peoples back in the days when photography had just been invented. The old photographs came mainly from two sources — from the Harvard Semitic Museum (HSM), which exhibited part of its remarkable collection here in Amman in April, and from the Munich Federal Documentation Department. From the HSM where 28,000

prints, negatives and lantern slides of the earliest photographs of the Middle East were accidentally found under the eaves of the building when a bomb blew the roof off in 1970 — come such fascinating photographs. One, by Felix Bonfils (a member of a prolific photographing family who lived and worked in the Levant from 1867-1916) shows the Roman Amphitheatre in Amman. At its feet, instead of the roaring, honking, car-filled street, cattle tranquilly graze in stone-walled fields. Above and beyond it stretch empty hills, where now the blocky houses fill the skyline as far as the eye can see. The amphitheatre itself lies ruinous beneath centuries of soil and grass.

It's a photograph that brings to life and reality all the old stories of the days when Amman was nothing but a cluster of mud houses. The prints from Munich date from a more recent period — 1917-1918, the final years of the First World War. Out of these photographs 2,400 were aerial views taken by German pilots in order to get strategic information on the British, who were then occupying Jordan and Palestine. These, with 426 ground shots, came very interestingly with a catalogue written about them in 1925, giving geographical information and maps. A copy of this

catalogue has been given by the DNLDA to the department of surveying and to the geographical centre. These aerial views of 1918 show an Amman, a Jerash and a Salt not much changed from the pioneering days of Bonfils. The village of Amman still crouches in its valley, the columns of Jerash still march down their slopes; but looking much more remote and desolate without the thriving modern town we know today bustling at their feet. A chance for everyone to see some of these photographs will, it is hoped, take place in December, when the DNLDA will stage an exhibition of three generations of

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and information pour in from various sources — a major one being inactive archives. Such things as old company records and government records which are no longer used are often a source of much information about Jordan's past, and are of historical and cultural value. So when records become inactive, the DNLDA has specified that no-one is allowed to burn them without its prior knowledge. Before giving its consent to the destruction, the department carefully goes through the documents to select any valuable information — Dr. Sharkas jokingly cited "the first hundred traffic licences from the Traffic Department or unpaid electricity bills by influential or official figures."

The collection of all this information will eventually culminate in the formation of a national data bank. This is part of the ultimate aim of the department — which, as Dr. Sharkas states, is "to promote and develop a national information network comprising public libraries, national documentation, records management and archives." It is with the introduction of archives into Jordan that the DNLDA is making great progress. The management of archives is a new phenomenon, not just in this country but all over the Arab World. "As with all our work, because we start from scratch we try to adhere to an approach of what's available and develop it. If it has to be done manually, then we treat it in such a way that it will lend itself to automation later," Dr. Sharkas explained.

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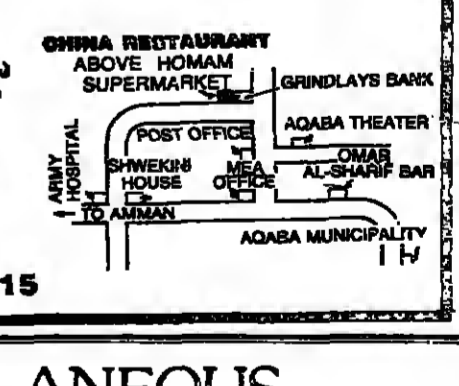
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Amid speculation on European Monetary System

# Dollar falls slightly on money markets

LONDON, Aug. 14 (R) — The dollar fell slightly on highly nervous foreign exchanges today amid fresh speculation that the EEC's European Monetary System (EMS) would be realigned this weekend because of the dollar's recent surge.

The dollar's rise since August 3 has strained the EMS, under which EEC currencies except the pound sterling and the Greek drachma fluctuate against each other within fixed limits.

The West German central bank, for instance, sold \$531 million at the Frankfurt fixing last week and at least as much again on the open market to defend the mark, dealers said.

The French also sold dollars to defend the franc, but at the same time sold marks to stop the French currency exceeding its lower EMS limit of 240.93 francs per 100 marks.

Weaker EMS currencies such as the French and Belgian francs have been under the most intense pressure from the soaring dollar and this has led to speculation — officially denied — that they will be devalued while stronger currencies such as the mark and the Dutch guilder will be revalued upwards.

French Finance Minister Jacques Delors has twice this week denied foreign exchange rumours of an EMS realignment, but the speculation has not abated.

If anything it has heightened because of the assumption day holidays this weekend. The French foreign exchanges closed after a half-day today and Moody is a public holiday in Belgium.

This, foreign exchange dealers

say, could be an ideal time for Common Market finance ministers to realign parities because there would be limited trading scope in West Europe.

In addition Aug. 15 has acquired a fateful significance for currency markets since former U.S. President Richard Nixon abandoned the dollar's convertibility into gold on the same day in 1971, effectively ending the Bretton Woods System of fixed currency parities.

Against this background dealers reported thin, nervous trading today and the dollar fell slightly from its levels yesterday as operators sold off some of their more speculative holdings.

Some dealers said the market was increasingly cautious about what the dollar might do next because the U.S. currency has still

## LONDON STOCK MARKET

LONDON, Aug. 14 (R) — Share prices closed firmer after a mixed opening in quiet trading ahead of the weekend, dealers said. At 1500 the F.T. index was up 6.9 at 568.3.

Electricals continued to feature among leading industrials with Racal up 22p at 475p, GEC 15p higher and Plessey and Thorn up by 11p and 12p respectively. Other leaders had gains of 4p and 5p in Guest Keen and Beecham, while ICI was up 8p at 286p.

Gold shares firmed by up to 250 cents among heavyweight issues in response to the higher bullion price.

In mining financials, RTZ was again active on speculative buying and the share added a net 12p at 629p after touching 639p. Laird Group eased 4p at 128p following interim results including a rights issue proposal. Ultramar added a net 9p at 535p after touching 540p following better than expected results yesterday, while other oils were narrowly mixed. Banks were steady, while insurances were quietly firmer.

Trading in government bonds was slow ahead of U.S. money supply data and prices were steady to slightly firmer, dealers said.

Ofex group added 5p at 181p after an increased offer from Gallaher.

## ECONOMIC NEWS BRIEFS

**Morocco's energy bill up 30 per cent**

RABAT, Aug. 14 (R) — Morocco's energy import bill rose by more than 30 per cent in the first half of this year and was mainly responsible for a sharp increase in the country's trade deficit, according to official figures released today.

The cost of crude oil imports rose from 2,082 million dirhams (\$373 million) in the same period last year to 2,754 million (\$493 million).

Exports of phosphate rock and by-products, the mainstay of the economy, also rose substantially from 1,931 million dirhams (\$346 million) to 2,713 million (\$486 million) in the six-month period, mainly because of the dollar's rise in value.

But total exports rose by only 15 per cent compared with a 28.8 per cent increase in imports. There were substantial rises in the cost of sugar and wheat imports.

**China forms import-export company**

PEKING, Aug. 14 (R) — China announced today that an import-export company specialising in the communications and transport industries had opened for business.

The New China news agency said the state-owned company would act as agents for foreign companies involved in such projects as highway, bridge and harbour construction.

The company would provide foreign shipowners with crewmen and recommend partners for joint ventures, the agency said.

# Philips pursues more partners to stimulate growth

By Charles Batchelor

AMSTERDAM: The pace of development in electronics is forcing even the largest companies to take a hard look at the way they operate — resulting in the disposal of activities that no longer fit into group strategies and the tightening of links with businesses that can be expected to stimulate growth.

The recently completed share swap between Philips and Grundig of West Germany is only one of a number of deals undertaken lately by the Dutch electrical group in an effort to consolidate its trading base. The accompanying table lists eight deals in six months.

Dr. Wisse Dekker, chairman designate of Philips, says that while the company has no plans to become an ITT-style conglomerate deals a necessity.

"You need enormous sums to stay ahead," he says. "Philips has invested hundreds of millions of guilders in new television-related services. There is no area where we feel we are behind, but on the other hand you cannot always be first."

He gives three main reasons for the spate of acquisition and co-

operation agreements reached in the past few years.

To gain a bigger market share. An important acquisition carried out in the consumer electronics field in 1980 was the purchase from Superscope Inc of the U.S. of a majority holding in its non-North American interests and of Superscope's minority share in Marantz Japan Inc.

Marantz gave Philips an entry into the sophisticated Japanese market for audio equipment. North American Philips, meanwhile, took over the Sylvania and Philco activities of General Telephone and Electronics Corporation (GTE) in the field of television sets and components.

To speed up technological development, Philips has sold a half-share in its Dutch magnetic tape-making subsidiary to Du Pont. "To keep up with the technical development of magnetic tape we could have made an extra effort to broaden the base of our research programme," says Dr. Dekker.

"But we decided that in view of other calls on our resources we could more effectively link up with someone else. We use a lot of tape but it is something we can buy in from a supplier. Through the link with Du Pont we can contribute our own ideas at an early stage in the development of new sorts of tape."

To defend a specific company interest. Defensive acquisitions are least liked since they are done under time pressure and may require a premium price. Philips sees its acquisition of the U.K. company, Pye, as a defensive purchase.

"We did not want to see Pye fall into non-British hands," says Dr. Dekker. "We are not a British company but we have been in the U.K. for 50 years. We have obtained great synergies from working with Pye."

Not all of Philips' attempts to expand have met with success.

The company's bid for a minority stake in the U.S. computer company, Pertec, was trumped by a higher offer for the entire capital from the West German office equipment manufacturer, Triumph-Adler.

Dekker puts Pertec down to which are no longer appropriate. Toilet seats and children's books are among the products which Philips categorises as "miscellaneous activities." This division accounts for 8 per cent group sales of Ft 36.5 billion (\$13.7 billion) last year.

"European industry must get together," says the chairman designate of Dutch electronics giant Philips. His company's route has been a string of co-operation deals to consolidate its market base.

Philips last year completed the sale of its non-U.S. chemicals activities with the disposal of its Duphar subsidiary to the Belgian company, Solvay. Earlier this year it sold part of its U.S. chemicals business to Harrison and Crossfield of the U.K. and it hopes to find a buyer for the rest within the next few months.

Some activities obviously do not fit in with Philips' electronics business. But a majority stake in the 20 companies together had sales of only £85 million (\$158 million) and were centred on relatively low-volume products.

The share swap deal which has given Philips a 24.5 per cent stake in Grundig in return for a 5.5 per cent holding in Philips adds a further dimension to the Dutch company's merger philosophy.

This link not only allows the two companies to combine their expertise in the area of video tape recorders, it also makes a small contribution to a united European stand against outside competition.

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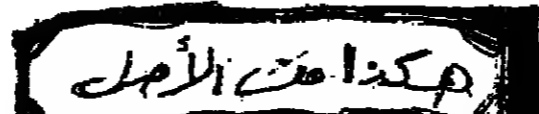
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## Polish leaders leave for Moscow during Solidarity's anniversary

**GDANSK, Poland, Aug. 14 (R) —** To the sound of sirens blaring throughout this Baltic port, the independent trade union Sol-

idarity today celebrated the first anniversary of the shipyard strike that brought it into being.

Trams, buses, and taxis stopped for one minute to mark the occasion. Solidarity leader Lech Walesa said the day should consolidate its gains of the past year rather than keep pressing for more. As the union celebrated, Polish party leader Stanislaw Kania and Prime Minister Wojciech Jaruzelski left for a visit to the Soviet Union. Moscow has announced his Soviet manoeuvres near Poland next month, which would coincide with Solidarity's national congress.

and demanded, among other things, free trade unions for the first time in Eastern Europe. The ceremonies included a mass and a wreath-laying at a monument to workers killed in riots in 1970. The strikers also called for the reinstatement of sacked workers, publication of their demands and the erection of the monument which now stands outside the shipyard gates. Mr. Walesa climbed those gates today, as he did many times during last year's strike, and told a crowd of several hundred that the union did not seek the government's power. "Nor do we want to overthrow it."

## West officially protests East Berlin army show

**BERLIN, Aug. 14 (R) —** The Berlin Wall entered the 21st year of its existence today still one of the most tangible and controversial symbols of East-West conflict.

He said: "Let the government govern the country, and we will govern ourselves in the factories." On the question of whether the union should press the government more and harder, Mr. Walesa said: "I feel we should start to fulfil what is in our power and what we have taken from the government. Theo we will know that the struggle has brought concrete benefits."

In California, U.S. President Ronald Reagan called the wall proof of a colossal failure of communism and said it symbolised "the imprisonment of millions of Germans." In Moscow, the official Soviet news agency TASS hailed the wall as a "defensive shield" which had "cut the ground from under the feet of the warmongers." A parade of armed militia and units of the East German National People's Army on East Berlin's Karl-Marx-Allee yesterday drew an official protest to Moscow from the three Western allies, Britain, France and the United States, which officially govern West Berlin.

He said that while the past year had been used to outline the union's direction, now it was time to check if the direction was the right one. In Warsaw, Solidarity said the appeal by the national leadership for an end to protests over food shortages was apparently being heeded. In the industrial and mining area of Silesia the local union called off a strike alert.

## Pope leaves hospital

**VATICAN CITY, Aug. 14 (R) —** Pope John Paul II walked out of hospital today after an operation and climbed down to the grottoes beneath St. Peter's basilica to pray at the tombs of his predecessors. "I thought there might have been one more tomb," he said in a light-hearted reference to the attempt on his life on May 13 in which he was shot and seriously wounded by a Turkish extremist. The 61-year-old Pope looked wan and hollow-cheeked but happy as he left Rome's Gemelli hospital, blessing the crowd of doctors, nurses and onlookers straining to touch him. "Arrivederci," he said after telling patients in a broadcast message that he thanked God for the chance to have belonged to "the community of the sick who suffer in this hospital."

## S. African political takes up squatters' cause with little hope of success

**NYANGA, Cape Town, Aug. 14 (R) —** South Africa's opposition Progressive Federal Party (PFP) supports the homeless black squatters of Nyanga but believes their future is bleak. About 1,000 squatters have camped in Nyanga township, about 20 kilometres from Cape Town, for more than three weeks after the authorities evicted them from condemned hostels. Police have tried to remove them as illegal squatters. A member of the PFP, Ken Andrews, said he had lengthy talks yesterday with the minister for cooperation and development (black affairs), Dr. Piet Koornhof, but the government appeared unwilling to relent. Mr. Andrews said the PFP had raised money to buy food, blankets and plastic sleeping bags or

## Spanish art nosedives into Spanish machismo

**MADRID —** Life has a habit of imitating art in Spain where acts of daring machismo grab headlines in the popular press. It happened again this week when a star of an award-winning film about juvenile crime was nabbed for a real-life bank hold-up.

## ABSCAM accused get stiff sentences

**NEW YORK, Aug. 14 (R) —** A federal judge has sentenced four former congressmen, an ex-mayor and a city councillor to heavy fines and jail terms for their involvement in the ABSCAM bribery scandal. A total of seven congressmen and one senator have been convicted of charges stemming from the controversial ABSCAM probe, in which Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) agents posed as wealthy Arabs seeking to buy favours from U.S. political figures. Their transactions were recorded on videotape. Defence lawyers argued that the charges should be dropped because the FBI enticed the congressmen into crime. Judge William Pratt, who once said corrupt officials probably posed a greater danger to the country than all drug traffickers combined, handed down yesterday's sentences without making a statement. Former Congressman Michael Myers, a Pennsylvania Democrat who admitted at his trial that he accepted money and even asked for a greater danger to the country than all drug traffickers combined, handed down yesterday's sentences without making a statement. Former Democratic Congressman John Murphy of New York was sentenced to three years for conspiracy and two years each for conflict of interest and accepting an illegal gratuity, and

Jesus Arias Aranzueque, 20, was the second actor in Carlos Saura's film "Deprisa, Deprisa" to go from stardom to prison since it opened last March to rave reviews and the highest award at the Berlin film festival. The film, which is also showing in France, Switzerland and Argentina, is expected to open in the United States in the autumn with the title "Step on it," according to its international distributor. It is a tale of aimless youths growing up among the high-rise apartment buildings and dusty back lots that form the industrial belts of major Spanish cities. Saura shows them to be like many other adolescents - idealistic and loyal, appreciative of natural beauty. But, he seems to say, the intense ugliness of their surroundings and the ennui of the odd jobs they can find alienate them from society and lead them to violent crime.

But the union has threatened to call out the nation's printers next week unless the government stops criticising it in the press and gives it more access to the media. In Gdynia dockers continued to refuse to load canned and processed meat for export, arguing that it was needed at home. Meanwhile, Polish leader Stanislaw Kania flew to the Crimea today for talks with President Leonid Brezhnev as the Soviet Union prepared for major military manoeuvres around Poland's borders. The official TASS news agency said Mr. Kania, accompanied by Prime Minister Jaruzelski, had come for a "short working visit."

With the money they have "earned," they buy a flat and a car, ride horses and drive to the beach. One buys his grandmother a colour television. But their ambition for harder and harder work - as they quaintly call their crimes - is their undoing. One Saturday morning as the streets are full, they attempt a bank robbery which ends in death for most of them. It would seem that ambition also got the best of young Arias

the squatters, but had apparently failed in its attempt to persuade the government to take action to solve the problem. He said their future seemed bleak. Dr. Koornhof, meanwhile, rejected in a statement allegations that the government action was "hard-hearted and inhumane". He said squatters have been given two years' notice to leave. Mr. Andrews said the government had to look at a long-term solution to the problem, as it would only occur again. He said top priority should be to prevent potential suffering and possible loss of life. He said most of the squatters were from designated black "homelands" and had come to the Cape to find work and improve their family life. The government, however, views them as illegal immigrants.

When Valdelomar was caught last March, police reported that they found his film contract in his pocket. Although they refused to say how much it was for, reports put it at about \$3,000, much less than the booty from any of the film's escapades.

Underlying that concern is the grim estimate that upwards of 320 million people in India (population 683 million) live below the poverty line, defined (in official parlance) "as the mid-point of the monthly per capita expenditure class having a daily calorie intake of 2400 per person in rural areas. At 1979-80 prices, these unit-points are Rupees 76 in rural and Rupees 88 in urban areas". (About eight Indian rupees make up an American dollar). The state of continued poverty, to which the Indian plan has formulated a strategy different from past efforts, is not to deny however the impressive progress in improving rural infrastructure and agriculture production. As statistics would show, the primary school system now covers 95 per cent of the rural population. The average life-span registered a dramatic rise, from 32 years at the start of the first Plan in 1951 to 46 for men and 45 for women in 1971. While 60 more than 3,000 villages had electricity in 1950-51, homes in over 2,16,000 villages had been lit by 1977-78. In the same period, the use of pumps in rural India jumped from a mere 21,000 to over 3.3 million. Mineral fertiliser, hardly ever used in food crops at one time, is today consumed beyond 5.5 million tonnes in terms of nutrients. Similarly the irrigation potential was up from 22 to 56 million hectares and the food production itself from 50 to 130 million tonnes. The additional food production capacity added between 1950 and 1980 is said to exceed "the production capacity developed during the preceding 10,000 years of agricultural growth."

Other major elements of the poverty eradication drive include promotion of the small family norm and provision of basic human needs like drinking water, rural housing, rural electrification, education, nutrition and health care. The anti-poverty package promises to reduce the percentage of people below the poverty line from 48.44 at the beginning of the Plan to 30 by the end of it, in 1985.

With the hard core of poverty largely in rural areas, the plan places an emphasis on increasing the productivity

## WORLD NEWS BRIEFS

### Britain okays Diego Garcia expansion

**LONDON, Aug. 14 (R) —** Britain will allow expansion of American military facilities on the Indian ocean island of Diego Garcia, officials have said. Plans to enable B-52 bombers and other heavy aircraft to land there include a new taxiway and apron, better refuelling arrangements and more staff accommodation, they said. The United States uses the British island under a 1974 agreement designed to counter a Soviet naval build-up in the Indian ocean. A British Foreign Office official said yesterday: "Soviet activities in Afghanistan and the Horn of Africa and general instability in the Middle East point to significant potential threats to Western interests in the region and to the security and stability of our friends there." "Diego Garcia can play a key role in enabling U.S. military support to be available in the area if and when needed. We support this and we support the upgrading of the facilities there. They are a threat to no one and contribute to the stability of the region," he told reporters. "The island is a defence facility and not a base. No combat units, warships or aircraft are permanently based there."

### U.S. journalist killed by Nairobi robbers

**NAIROBI, Aug. 14 (R) —** U.S. journalist Emily Driscoll died in a Nairobi hospital today after being shot in the head by a robber last night; a hospital spokesman said. Miss Driscoll, 48, worked for the United States International Communications Agency (USICA) and was in Nairobi to cover a United Nations energy conference. She arrived here from Washington on Sunday on her first trip outside the U.S., a friend said. She was shot in point-blank range after refusing a gunman's order to get out of her car driven by the Voice of America's East Africa correspondent Hugh Muir, just before midnight. Mr. Muir, who was not hurt in the incident, took her to Nairobi hospital where she died about 12 hours later. The gunman and three companions made off with Miss Muir's car. Long-time residents here said the murder underlined a steady rise in violent crime over the last few years. Earlier this week criminals dressed as policemen shot a clerk in a raid on a Nairobi pharmacy and two weeks ago, a Korean businessman was shot and killed when robbers broke into his house in a residential district, police sources said.

### Kidnapped U.S. businessman killed

**GUATEMALA CITY, Aug. 14 (R) —** The body of a U.S. businessman kidnapped here last December by alleged left-wing guerrillas has been found after a shootout with police who raided the suburban houses where he was being held, a police spokesman said today. Two men and two women guerrillas also died during the raid, he said. The businessman, Clifford Bevins, was general manager of the Guatemala subsidiary of the Goodyear tyre and rubber company. He was abducted on Dec. 8 last year by four posing as police officers. After the raid police found his diary and a letter dated 15 days before addressed to his wife expressing hope that the ransom money would be raised soon. Mr. Bevins' head and emaciated body was identified by the American consulate in Guatemala.

### Computer boon for Chinese publishing

**PEKING, Aug. 14 (R) —** China has developed a printing system using computers and laser-scanners which can reproduce Chinese characters a second, the New China News Agency said today. It described the system, which took five years to develop at a cost of three million yuan (\$1.8 million) of state money, as a major breakthrough. It said it could be used for books, newspapers and magazines and was equal to advanced world standards.

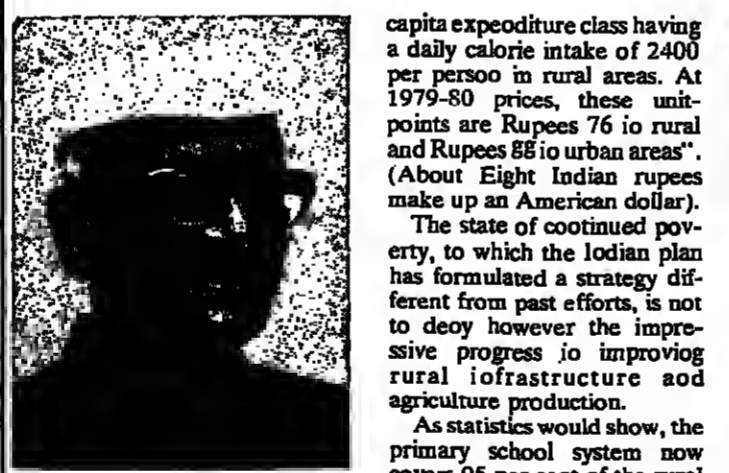
## Independence Day 1981

# India's sixth plan: a new deal to the poor



Prime Minister Indira Gandhi

That, then, was the stark reality before the planners as they sat to put together the anti-poverty package. In a decision of no small magnitude, they resolved to single out and then extend especially tailor-made schemes to households below the poverty-line in villages across the country. Between 1980-85, the massive campaign seeks to cover nearly 3,000 families in each of 5,000 administrative blocks. That way the programme will have covered 75 million rural people and another six million of them in India's urban slums. Planners see distinct advantages in the new household approach to poverty eradication. Importantly, the target groups become aware of what is being done for them. They will find themselves listed in a register in each block, village-wise, open for inspection. This may create a climate in which the poor come to demand inputs, credit and services as something due to them, instead of waiting upon government's programme as passive beneficiaries. Again, the country-wide survey of poverty households will help devise a package of measures suited to each family and designed to lift it above the poverty-line. If the family owns land or is engaged in traditional village industry, the first priority will be to increase the productivity of the farm or non-farm enterprise by an appropriate package of input, services and credit. Where the household has no asset base whatever it may have to be assisted through asset transfer programme socially backward sections. They have either no assets or assets with low productivity, few relevant skills and no regular full-time jobs or very low paid jobs.



President Neelam Sanjiva Reddy

"The day will dawn. Hold thy faith firm". That promise to the poorest of the poor, held out years ago by Rabindranath Tagore, Nobel Laureate and renowned Indian poet, still remains unfulfilled in his own country as in much of the developing world. Now, Mrs. Indira Gandhi, the prime minister and one-time student in Tagore's Shantiniketan, has reiterated that promise right in her forward to India's sixth five-year plan. The direction of the plan is thus set. That is a measure of her government's firm commitment to 'garibi' (the poor) of the country. Underlying that concern is the grim estimate that upwards of 320 million people in India (population 683 million) live below the poverty line, defined (in official parlance) "as the mid-point of the monthly per capita expenditure class having a daily calorie intake of 2400 per person in rural areas. At 1979-80 prices, these unit-points are Rupees 76 in rural and Rupees 88 in urban areas". (About eight Indian rupees make up an American dollar). The state of continued poverty, to which the Indian plan has formulated a strategy different from past efforts, is not to deny however the impressive progress in improving rural infrastructure and agriculture production. As statistics would show, the primary school system now covers 95 per cent of the rural population. The average life-span registered a dramatic rise, from 32 years at the start of the first Plan in 1951 to 46 for men and 45 for women in 1971. While 60 more than 3,000 villages had electricity in 1950-51, homes in over 2,16,000 villages had been lit by 1977-78. In the same period, the use of pumps in rural India jumped from a mere 21,000 to over 3.3 million. Mineral fertiliser, hardly ever used in food crops at one time, is today consumed beyond 5.5 million tonnes in terms of nutrients. Similarly the irrigation potential was up from 22 to 56 million hectares and the food production itself from 50 to 130 million tonnes. The additional food production capacity added between 1950 and 1980 is said to exceed "the production capacity developed during the preceding 10,000 years of agricultural growth."

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